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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the claims of this application in the below indicated manner.¹

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1. A laminar structure comprising a deposited metal, the structure having microholes extending between a first surface and a second surface thereof, each microhole having a wall which meets the first surface with a rounded edge or tapered configuration in such a manner that the first surface is substantially smooth.
 2. A structure according to Claim 1, wherein the microholes have a diameter of less than 30 μm .
 3. A structure according to Claim 1, wherein the microholes have a diameter of less than 3-4 μm .
 4. A structure according to Claim 1, wherein the microholes have a polygonal or rhomboid form.
 5. A medical device comprising, at least in part, a structure according to Claim 1, the structure having microholes formed therein which are at least sufficiently large to permit the passage of plasma, for example, therethrough.

1. The change(s) to the specification and/or claims are shown by underscoring and bracketing in the marked-up version attached hereto as an Appendix.

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